

## SENATE RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Morgan County Litter Grant Program upon being named the winner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation 2009 Awards of Excellence-Litter Grant Program Class I.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize those individuals and groups that work tirelessly to protect the beauty and integrity of Tennessee's natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Litter Grant Program is one such noteworthy group that has been recognized recently for its service to Tennessee and the nation as the winner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) 2009 Awards of Excellence-Litter Grant Program, a fitting recognition of its efforts in keeping the public roads of Morgan County clean and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Litter Grant Program provides a year-round litter prevention program for the Morgan County community focused on two primary areas of concern: Education and Pickup; and

WHEREAS, the individuals involved with the Morgan County Litter Grant Program utilize a number of resources, approaches, and litter prevention projects that make possible the successful beautification of over 530 miles of public roads in Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to spread the message of litter prevention to the Morgan County community, the Litter Grant Administrator admirably coordinates various public awareness programs, including school visits, school recycling programs, student art contests, litter-free

school sports events, community cleanup programs, and government education programs, reaching thousands of students and adults alike; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and energies of those industrious individuals involved in litter pickup endeavors throughout the county make an undeniable difference in the comeliness and attractiveness of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, funded primarily by TDOT, the Morgan County Litter Grant Program receives invaluable assistance from a host of generous donors, volunteers, and local organizations including the Sherriff's Office, Recycling Program, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, 4H, local school systems, local churches, and local media outlets; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Litter Grant Program has made measurable improvements to the quality of the area's natural environment; it is responsible for the picking up and disposing properly of over sixty tons of trash and debris annually; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Litter Grant Program has helped make the State of Tennessee a safer, cleaner, and more attractive place to live and visit, and for this the State owes its most heartfelt thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize the Morgan County Litter Grant Program upon being named the winner of the TDOT 2009 Awards of Excellence-Litter Grant Program Class I, thank that group for tirelessly protecting the beauty and integrity of Tennessee's natural environment, and wish the group much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.